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1. QUOTATIONS FROM LENIN AND MARX HAVE BEEN APPEARING ON THE FRONT PAGE OF PEOPLE'S DAILY IN THE SPACE USUALLY RESERVED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE SAYINGS OF CHAIRMAN MAO. TWICE IN THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 8-17 PEOPLE'S DAILY RAN QUOTATIONS FROM LENIN, ONCE FROM MARX, AND FIVE TIMES FROM CHAIRMAN MAO QUOTING LENIN--THE SAME MAO QUOTATION CONTAINED IN THE FEBRUARY 9 EDITORIAL THAT HAS BEEN SEIZED UPON AS AN OBJECT FOR STUDY THROUGHOUT CHINA. ALL QUOTATIONS DEAL WITH THE SAME THEME: THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT. WE CANNOT RECALL WHEN PEOPLE'S DAILY HAS CARRIED SO MANY QUOTATIONS FROM LENIN AND MARX. THE LAST QUOTATION FROM LENIN, ON REVOLUTIONARY THEORY, APPEARED IN PEOPLE'S DAILY JULY 26, 1974.

2. COMMENT: WE HAVE HEARD STORIES AROUND TOWN, SOURCED TO LOCAL CADRES, ABOUT A GREATER EMPHASIS ON ORTHODOX MARXIST-
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LENINIST IDEOLOGY, AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT PEOPLE'S DAILY

IS REFLECTING SUCH A TREND.
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